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Newark Eagles
71 Crawford St.
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Dear Mrs. Manley,

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Your letter of March 12th containing your check \$5 just reached me in today's P.M. mail. I had just completed a letter to you which I may or may not herewith enclose. Also I am sending you a letter going forth to the "Clowns" which speaks for itself.

Mrs. Manley, I endeavored to explain to you that we do not have any open dates here. Evidently you do not realize how very difficult it was for me to get Negro Baseball in Briggs Stadium. To begin with, Each year I have not been able to make continued bookings. This will be the first year I have been able to book five games and now the books are closed, except for a possible post-season game that I might be able to arrange after your game. As matters stand now, your game with the Philadelphia Stars is our last game.. The dates have been set, and your date is September 9th--DEFINELY, there can be no change; however, if you are not satisfied, I have 3 or 4 other teams that are anxious to take the date, and needless to say I will refund your deposit. I note that you said Pompey refused to tell you who he is playing etc. He could have told you if he had wanted to. Personally, if I were you I would not be concerned with the other fellow's dates, opponents, arrangements, etc. Why not be concerned with your own dates and let the other fellow's alone. Of all the teams that I have booked, you are the only one to appear dis-satisfied.. Remember that this is your first trip to Briggs Stadium, which is called the "Jewel" of Negro baseball bookings.

Be satisfied, I daresay, you will leave with 9, or 10 thousand dollars. Where else could you get that kind of money for one engagement?

Concerning your coming here for a visit to talk with me. You may come whenever you like, and I will be glad to entertain and converse with you, but if you are coming just to talk about changing your date, you might as well not come, because I can make no change. By the way, I may go down to Hot Springs this weekend and be gone for a week so I would suggest that you not come until after the 25th. instant.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "John R. Williams".

John R. Williams